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The Publishers' Weekly.

FEBRUARY 24, 1877.

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The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

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MORE STATE BOOKS.

THE most extreme instance yet of the "State books" project has just passed the Minnesota Senate as a popular measure, and is reasonably likely to become a law, unless it should be disapproved by the governor. This definitely puts the whole supply of school-books throughout the State under an exclusive contract with Daniel D. Merrill, of St. Paul, Minnesota, a local bookseller. He is to furnish, under bonds of $25,000, "suitable school-books" "equal in quality, as to matter and material," to the text-books now in general use (which are named in the bill), and acceptable to certain commissioners named, at specific rates, which average a little more than one half the present retail prices ($4.87 for the series of 13 books, the *retail* price being now $9.39). The contract is to hold for fifteen years, though the books are subject to revision every five years. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is to add to the specified prices sufficient to cover the cost of transmission to the several counties, and the books are to be sold at this retail price to the scholars by the teachers. The proceeds are to be collected by the counties, and sent to the State, but Mr. Merrill is to have his money on delivery of the books, "a revolving fund," as the bill calls it, of $50,000 being appropriated for these advances. If, as is wildly alleged by the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* (which is leading the crusade at the West, and which as wildly advocates the repeal of copyright on text-books, so that every publisher can "begin printing the books formerly issued by his neighbor"), the publishers make "a profit of 300 to 400 per cent on their books," we must congratulate Mr. Merrill, or whosoever is behind him, on getting the people of Minnesota into the pretty scrape of guaranteeing him a cash profit of from 100 to 200 per cent on all the text-books used in the State of Minnesota for the next fifteen years. Seriously, the bill is a far greater wrong, and seems to conceal a much greater job, than any alleged against the publishers. The articles of the Publishers' Board of Trade, which in no way prevent a publisher from reducing his retail prices, simply prohibit a greater discount than forty per cent from those prices—a measure adopted to check the agency system, at which the bill also is aimed. In the present unfortunate ignoring of the retailers by the school-book publishers, a State paying cash can obtain the full forty per cent without difficulty, which makes about the price which, counting the "cost of transmission," and other expenses in this connection, the State must pay for Mr. Merrill's books. If a trial balance is struck, it will be seen that there is a saving of perhaps five per cent now, while the State puts out of its power for fifteen years any advantage from the probable reduction of prices in the near future. This without considering any other of the weak points of which the bill is full.

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE SCHOOL-BOOK QUESTION.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14, 1877.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

Has the resolution of the American Book-Trade Association, "that a discount not exceeding 20 per cent on . . . school-books . . . may be allowed by publishers . . . to large buyers outside the trade," ever been repealed?

If not, why do the publishers of —— —— Readers guarantee that these books shall be sold "for TWO YEARS *at* 33⅓ *per cent discount from present retail prices,*" if our School Board will adopt them?

It is very evident that no one in the retail trade here can sell the books according to that guarantee, and it must be that the publishers themselves propose to furnish them to the School Board or the pupils direct as the circumstances require. If the by-law of the Publishers' Board of Trade permitting introduction to continue for ninety days can be *stretched* to cover *two* years, why may it not be for *five* years—and so on *ad infinitum*. In short, what need is there for the city of St. Louis to have any *retail* booksellers at all, if such a condition of things is to obtain here?

We may as well close our doors at once, instead of waiting longer to join the throng of those who are "Going, Going—Gone!"

You as an editor are supposed to know every thing, and can therefore enlighten

ONE WHO HAS NOT YET GONE.

STATIONERY NOTES.

BLACK, STAR & FROST, successors to Ball, Black & Co., New York, have opened a stationery department in their new store on Fifth Avenue. They make a handsome display of Chamberlin, Whitmore & Co.'s fine stationery, for which they have worked up a large trade.

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F. H. DUNKINSON & CO.'s pure Irish linen papers having met with considerable favor in the Canadas, they have felt compelled to secure their papers from infringement, and accordingly their trade-mark was registered in Ottawa February 8th, 1877, in accordance with the trade-mark and design act of 1868.

T. V. SMITH (late of J. O. Smith & Sons), 58 William street, New York, has a new cuspadore which he intends introducing to the stationery trade; price, $6 per dozen net. No neat and well-fitted office is complete without such an article. It is self-righting in shape, and is very handsomely japanned. Mr. Smith has added to his line of specialties the goods of the Hart, Bliven & Mead Manufacturing Company, American Shears Company, Fairbanks & Company (Scales), and Patent Cuspadores; all of which he can furnish to the trade at bottom prices.

BUSINESS NOTES.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Turnbull Bros., 8 N. Charles street, publishers, booksellers, and stationers, have been compelled to suspend payment. At a meeting of the creditors held in New York their affairs were referred to the Finance Committee of the Stationers' Board of Trade for action, and subject to their call for a future meeting.

BOSTON, MASS.—W. H. Piper has resumed business as a bookseller and stationer at 341 Washington street.

DANBURY, CT.—Nathaniel Barnum, bookseller, etc., has made an assignment.

NEW YORK CITY.—The firms of N. L. Munro & Co. and Ornum & Co., publishers, have been dissolved, and the business of both will be continued by Norman L. Munro.

TITUSVILLE, PA.—D. W. Field has purchased the stock of books, fancy goods, and stationery of B. N. Hurd.

WINCHESTER, VA.—Owing to the death of Mr. Hite of Hite & Wall, there is a change in the firm, and the business is continued under the name and style of Thos. T. Wall, successor to Hite & Wall, bookseller, stationer, and dealer in fancy and gents' furnishing goods.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

THE "Essentials of English Grammar," by Prof. W. D. Whitney, is now published by Messrs. Ginn & Heath, of Boston. The great philological, linguistic, and literary ability of Prof. Whitney will cause this work to be welcomed with unusual favor.

BILLS to prevent changes or to provide uniformity in text-books are pending in at least six States—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. An anonymous circular on the subject, addressed to legislators, is in circulation, giving the points against State legislation, and suggesting the prohibition of changes more than once in three years as the extreme of legislation.

ESTES & LAURIAT report that their January sales this year exceed those of last year by several thousand dollars.

JOHN WILEY & SON have in preparation, and to be ready soon, a translation of Prof. Jacob J. Weyrauth's celebrated work on "Calculation of the Strength and Dimensions of Iron and Steel," as shown in the latest experiments in Europe, a thoroughly practical work on a subject just at present exciting much attention among our engineers, in view of the failure of the structures of these materials. The work is undertaken by Prof. A. Jay DuBois, of Bethlehem, a friend of the author's, whose name is already favorably known in connection with his "Graphical Statics," a new edition of which is now in press. Prof. DuBois has nearly ready a work on Hydraulics and Hydraulic Motors, with the Theory of Steam Engine, translated from vol. 2 of Weisbach's Engineering.

HURD & HOUGHTON will shortly issue a new book of essays entitled "Birds and Poets, with other Papers," by that fascinating writer John Burroughs. It will be a charming companion to his two previous books, "Wake Robin" and "Winter Sunshine," the former of which has just passed to a new edition, while the latter is also to be revised and attractively reissued.

THE Springfield *Republican* speaks of Rossiter Johnson's "classic cheese-press," which it would like to have applied to Auerbach. The public invests in Auerbach, nevertheless, and

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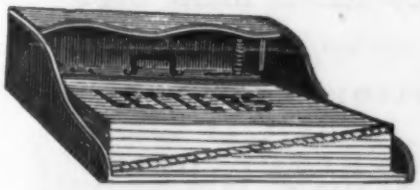

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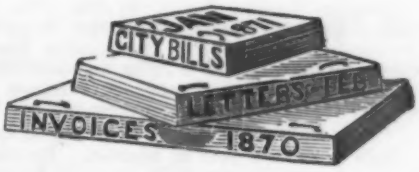

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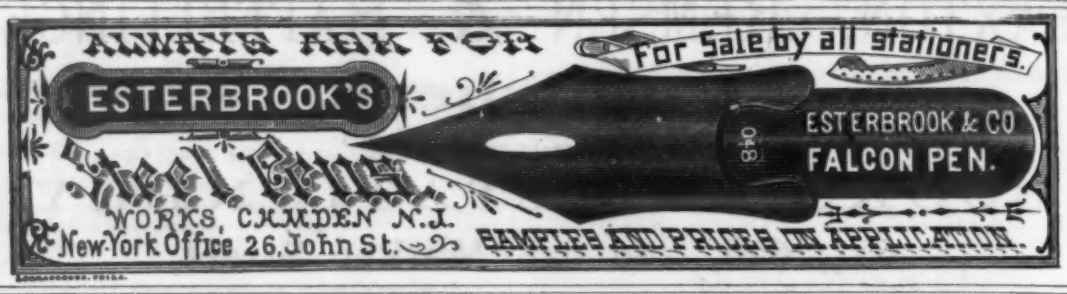

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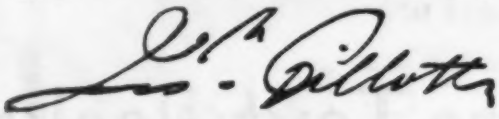

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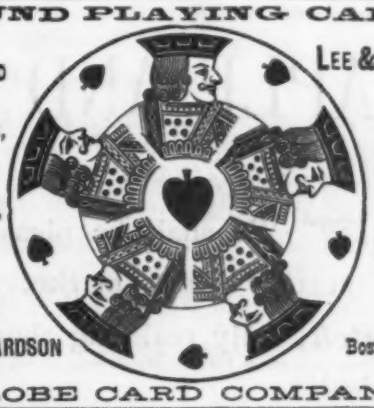

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